



SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Enhancing access to properly equipped, affordable homes and ensuring our neighborhoods will support health and basic needs will impact our health in positive ways. We can improve health by taking a closer look at programs and policies that impact housing and utilities.

Percentage of occupied housing being **rented** in Detroit.

52%
Detroit

28%
Michigan

WHAT DID DETROITERS THINK?



"CHILDREN & FAMILIES WITHIN THE CITY NEED A HOME WITH ADEQUATE UTILITIES TO SURVIVE & BECOME A PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN WHICH THEN AFFECTS THEIR ABILITY TO ECONOMICALLY DEVELOP."

- Detroit Resident (48203)

"Provide safe houses for families. If there aren't any built, build some."

- Community Health Worker (Henry Ford Health System)

"[D]emolishing abandon homes & clearing the debris from vacant lots... reduces the likelihood of criminal acts."

- District 1 Resident (48219)



WHAT'S THE CURRENT PLAN? (OBJECTIVES)



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Increase resident accessibility to safe housing that is connected to community services.



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Objective #1: Increase coordination of services supporting safe and affordable housing.

- Strategy 1.1: Increase linkages and referrals between services
- Strategy 1.2: Include an ask about adequate housing to all service providers' intake forms
- Strategy 1.3: Increase communication about rental assistance and home loan programs



Objective #2: Increase resident accessibility to safe housing that is connected to community services.



- Strategy 2.1: Conduct educational efforts to promote safe housing
- Strategy 2.2: Engage potential developers and funders to expand the supply of affordable housing
- Strategy 2.3: Protect existing affordable housing that is at risk of being converted into unaffordable market-rate housing

Objective #3: Reduce the costs of living in the home.

- Strategy 3.1: Develop strategies to prevent shut-offs
- Strategy 3.2: Identify current barriers in housing access and develop strategies to address them
- Strategy 3.3: Build financial capacity for minor and major home repair

